

BID 63-656
CONNECTICUT SCIENCE CENTER PLAZA LANDSCAPING - HARTFORD,
CONNECTICUT

Questions and Answers

November 14, 2012

Notice of change: Because of the timing of the bid, the State is waiving the requirement in the Planting Notes on Sheet PL-1, PL-2 and PL-3 that the plants to be provided be grown within 200 miles of the site.

1. The project specifications call for experience installing the specified green roof modular system. Only one of the current prequalified contractors is a certified installer for the specified system. Will this affect who is eligible to bid?

A. To eliminate any confusion on this matter, Section 02915, Part I, item 1.4.B is hereby waived.

2. In regards to the Thermoplastic Planter Liner for the CT Science Center Plaza Landscape, Tournesol Siteworks does not make a PL4-663616 as a Standard Planter Liner, as stated in the specs and detail sheet for this project. The closest Standard model is the PL4-663316 (66"L x 33"W x 16"H). The PL4-663616, as specified, can be custom built with an additional fee. Please specify which product the State intends to use.

A. The State will use the standard PL4-663316 liner.

3. What is the project schedule?

The project time is 180 calendar days, not including a standard winter shutdown from December 1 to March 31. However, the contractor can work during the shutdown period if in the judgment of the engineer conditions allow for it. Any days worked during the shutdown period will not count against the 180 days of project time. If conditions permit, installation of the root barrier, drainage layers and filter fabric, and possibly planting soil could take place in this time period. CSC would prefer for this work to proceed as soon as possible to help protect the waterproofing repairs that are now being completed and to provide for planting at the earliest possible date.

4. Are there liquidated damages?

A. Yes, \$500/day for each day beyond the 180 day project time.

5. Is prequalification by the CT Department of Administrative Services (DAS) sufficient for bidding?

A. No. Bidders must be prequalified by the Office of Policy & Management (OPM). Prequalification information is available on the OPM website at

<http://www.ct.gov/opm/site/default.asp>. Prequalification requests must be submitted by November 16, 2012.

6. Is attendance at the prebid meeting mandatory?

A. No.

7. Is irrigation included?

No. The LEEDS requirements of the project do not allow for irrigation. Hose bibs are in place in several of the beds to allow for watering during the establishment period.

8. Is a flood test of the waterproofing required?

A. The required scope does not include a flood test of the planters. CSC is completing waterproofing repairs on the plaza. Its contractor is required to conduct flood testing of all completed repairs. The engineer overseeing those repairs will approve the test results. The State intends to rely on CSC's repairs and testing. The landscape contractor may conduct flood testing if it so desires, but it is not required.

9. What is the maximum GVW load allowed on the plaza?

A. The structural loading from vehicles and equipment varies with wheelbase, number of wheels, load configuration and other factors, so a simple GVW limit is not available. The structural engineer for the Science Center has stated the following, "the slab is a solid 14" thick slab therefore point loads should not pose a concern provided that generally the point loads are distributed and spaced apart such that the overall total load in any given area is less than the design Live Load of 100psf. We would request that weight and size information for the intended equipment is passed to us for review, as well as any material storage layouts, prior to works commencing." The weight limit for the Riverfront Recapture plaza is 10,000 pounds per axle.

10. Can bidders view the plaza after this prebid?

A. Yes. The plaza is a public space and is generally open for public passage. For access to areas secured for the waterproofing repairs, contact Ed Lane at 860-520-2130.

11. How will access through the CSC freight elevator be managed?

A. The elevator is available for use from 7:00 am to 10:00 am on CSC business days. It may be available at other times through advance arrangement with CSC. Access from the freight elevator to the plaza is only through the doors opening onto the playground area. Bidders are reminded of the requirement to protect the rubberized surface in that area.

12. Do payments to suppliers count against the 10% DBE setaside requirement?

A. Payments to DBE suppliers do count but are discounted so that only 60% of the payment can be applied to the setaside requirement. Bidders are also reminded that the requirement can be met only with DOT-certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. DAS-certified Small/Minority/Woman-owned Business Enterprises do not count towards this requirement unless they are also DOT-certified DBEs. Also, the 10% setaside applies even if the prime contractor is itself a DBE.

Bidders are further reminded that the winning bidder and its subcontractors must have an affirmative action plan approved by DOT prior to award of the contract.